

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 3

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John Germ upon being named president of Rotary International for 2016-2017.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is John Germ, a member of the Chattanooga Downtown Rotary Club, who was recently named the president of Rotary International for 2016-2017; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, John Germ is president and chief executive officer of Campbell & Associates Inc. He also serves as chair and incorporator of the Blood Assurance Advisory Board and as vice chair and incorporator of the Public Education Foundation of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Germ has been a member of the Chattanooga Downtown Rotary Club since 1976 and served in numerous leadership roles within the club, including as president from 1993 until 1994, as district governor from 1996 until 1997, and as international assembly training leader from 2000 until 2001; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his work with the Chattanooga Downtown Rotary Club, John Germ served Rotary International as a member of the board of directors from 2003 until 2005, vice president from 2004 until 2005, a member of the International Assembly Committee, chair of the Council on Legislation, vice chair of Rotary Peace Centers Major Gift Initiative, aide to President Wilf Wilkinson, and vice chair of the International Convention in 2012; and

WHEREAS, he has also fulfilled leadership roles in local organizations, including president of the Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, president of

Junior Achievement of Chattanooga, president of Tennessee Jaycees, and campaign chair for the United Way; additionally, he was president of the Cherokee Area Council of the Boy Scouts and was honored with the Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Germ still finds time to lend his talents to such notable causes as raising funds to build Chattanooga's Miracle Field to provide recreational fields for individuals of all abilities; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his selfless dedication to public service, John Germ was honored by President Barack Obama in 2013 as one of twelve Rotary International "Champions of Change"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Germ epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, John Germ is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Judy Germ, who shares in his passion for philanthropic endeavors; and they are Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud John Germ for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend John Germ upon being named the president of Rotary International for 2016-2017, thank him for his meritorious service to this State, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.